BJD NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM MISS ELLISON

At the heart of our school is a strong sense of community, and I am continually grateful for the kindness, encouragement and support shown by our pupils, families and staff. Together we create a nurturing environment where every child can grow in confidence, faith and learning. Thank you for all you do to support our school. By working together, we can ensure that every child flourishes and achieves their full potential.

Please take note of the upcoming diary dates, as we have lots of events planned. While we try to keep all dates as fixed as possible, occasional changes may occur so please continue to check your emails and future newsletters for any updates.



Christmas Collection



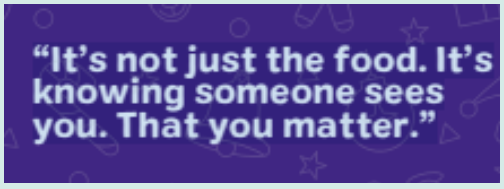
30% of children in the North East are living in poverty, which is 1 in 3 children.

This year, we will be supporting the charity 'Feeding Families'. They support every request for essential food, but Christmas is about more than getting through the day. That's why we are kindly asking for donations of festive favourites and little extras that they will be putting into a Christmas Treat box for families in need.

They have requested a number of specific items, so over the coming weeks, we will share further information about what we will be collecting and how families can support us.

Thank you for your support.





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SAFEGUARDING

Please note our designated safeguarding leads are Miss Ellison, Mrs Gaye and Mrs Judd. If you have any concerns or worries please come and speak to us.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taking place in school on Friday 23rd October, starting with families from 8.30am onwards.

All children will have an individual photo, class photo and sibling photo (where needed).

If you would like your child to have their photo taken with a younger sibling, please come to school for 8.30am.

BIG BREW

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our Big Brew. It was lovely to see so many families in school. We raised a total of £300.

GLOW CHURCH PANTO

We have arranged for all pupils to go to the Glow Church in Newton Aycliffe on the afternoon of Tuesday 8th December to see a wonderful Christmas performance called 'The Gift'. We ask for a payment of £8 please. Payment will be added to Arbor shortly.

SCIENCE DAY

We are excited to announce that on Monday 2nd November we have a whole school *science day*. Throughout the day each class will have an opportunity to participate in hands on workshops with the Royal Institute of Science.

At 3.15pm we will be hosting a community show. The show is approximately an hour long and all families are welcome to join us. Please arrive for 3pm to be seated in the hall.

Pupils not staying for the show will leave school at the normal time of 3.15pm.

VISIT TO HANCOCK MUSEUM

Children in KS2 will be visiting the Hancock Museum on Tuesday 17th November. Time Odyssey is a fun, interactive learning experience that takes pupils on a quest through the museum – physically and virtually. There is no charge for this trip.



EYFS OPEN MORNING

We warmly invite all prospective parents and carers to our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) open morning on Wednesday 11th November 9.00am to 10.30am!

If you know of any parents whose children are under 3, please share it with them. We would love them to join us for some fun activities and to have a look around our fantastic Early Years setting to discover what makes our school such a special place to learn, grow, and thrive!